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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

Minutes of Meeting Held in Briefing Room
Matomic Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:00 p.m., 6 February 1957

James Q. Reber
Chairman

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Col. William A. Dodds, OACSI
Major J. P. Rupert, OACSI
Capt. George M. Clifford, ONI
Capt. Bruce S. Weber, ONI
Major Donald Conroy, USMC
Col. James H. Macia, Jr., AFOIN



Preparations for Presidential Briefing

1. The Chairman stated that the meeting had been convened in order to consider what the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee might do to make more effective the briefing for the President, which is anticipated about 1 March 1957 for the purpose of securing permission for further penetration overflights.

2. It was concluded that the most useful presentation from the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee would involve a statement of major problems whose solution would be facilitated through collection through AQUATONE. It was agreed that the Committee would convene again at ten o'clock Monday, 11 February 1957, conference room 328 Administration Building, CIA, at which time each participating member would submit targets of importance to the solution of the following intelligence problems, such targets to be arranged in order of priority in the view of the submitting agency:

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- a. Long range aircraft delivery.
- b. Nuclear production capability.
- c. Delivery of missiles against the United States.

Correction of Target Lists

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3. The Project Intelligence Officer, [REDACTED] pointed out errors in fact and lack of uniformity in presentation of the targets pertaining to the USSR and China as assembled early in 1956. [REDACTED] submitted specific suggestions as to the method of correcting the target lists for maximum use of Operations if, as, and when penetrations were permitted. These suggestions, as revised by discussion of the group and agreed, are attached herewith.

Requirements for the Middle East

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4. The Chairman noted he had received from the Deputy Project Director, [REDACTED] a memorandum dated 5 February 1957 dealing with the above subject and in response to the views of the Committee submitted in TCS-798-57 on 1 February 1957. [REDACTED] had discussed the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee's memorandum with the Deputy Director of CIA, and in pursuance thereof instructed the Chief of Operations to follow as a guide the following overflight plan:



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In addition, [REDACTED] had noted that as soon as weather permitted targets requested in paragraph 3 of the referenced ARC memorandum would be covered after which they would adhere to the above plan.

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5. The Chairman was requested to inform [REDACTED] that the Committee was not at this time requesting missions [REDACTED] on a fortnightly basis but that in the event such were undertaken or in the case of missions directed by the DDCI the Committee would appreciate an opportunity to submit requirements which might be covered in such flights.

JAMES O. REBER

Chairman

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